



Mildura South Primary School Newsletter

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"Mildura South Primary School acknowledges the traditional owners of the land as we choose to bring our best selves to school and love the work that we do"



FOR YOUR DIARY

****ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO COVID GUIDELINES PERMITTING****

TERM DATES

TERM 4 4th October, 2021 to 17th December, 2021

Mon 22nd Nov to
Tues 23rd Nov Grade 4 Camp – Lake Cullulleraine

Wed 24th Nov to
Fri 26th Nov Grade 5 Camp – Lake Cullulleraine

Thurs 25th Nov Prep Orientation

Mon 29th Nov to
Wed 1st Dec Grade 6 Camp – Halls Gap

December

Fri 3rd Dec Grade 2 Fun Day

Tues 7th Dec Grade 6 and Prep Orientation

Wed 15th Dec Grade 6 Celebration of Strengths Event

Fri 17th Dec Last day of Term 4 (2.30pm Finish)

CHILD SAFETY

- Please use the pedestrian crossing when crossing Deakin Avenue
- When dropping students off or picking students up in Albert Street please observe ONE WAY (from Deakin Avenue to the Wetlands)
- When driving in Albert Street before and after school please travel at 20km/per hour

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US IN KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

Please continue to check Compass for any updated information. The school phone number is (03) 5023 2148.

2022 CLASSES

The transition visits that took place last week were a success. The next internal transition date will be Thursday, December 2, 2.50pm-3.15pm. Students will go to their 2022 classroom and spend time with their 2022 classroom teacher and peers.

Tuesday, December 14, 9.00am-10.00 am students will again go to their 2022 classroom and spend time with their 2022 classroom teacher and peers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for the many hours of collaboration that has taken place in order to ensure each student is in the best learning environment for them to flourish.

We will be using the three internal transition times to: see, hear and feel the dynamics of each classroom.

Thank you for the trust you have in the staff in making sure your children succeed.

LEARNING TASKS

This year Mildura South Primary School have been making the transition from Semester Reporting to Learning Tasks. A Learning Task is a sample of your child's work that is uploaded to Compass for families to view. This sample of your child's work has a praise and a prompt. The praise is a comment about what your child's strength is and the prompt is a comment about what your child will receive support on from their teacher to continue to progress in their learning.

Learning Tasks provide the opportunity for teachers to provide timely feedback to families about how their child is going in their learning.

This term all teachers will be uploading a Reading, Writing and Math Learning Task to Compass. Teachers will advise families with a Compass notification when their child's Learning Task is ready to view.

Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to discuss the sample of work presented or for further information about how your child is working in class.

Along with regular Learning Tasks, we will continue to have a report each semester with a personal comment and a progression point, which shows your child's progress. This term your child's report will be ready to download from Compass on the 8th of December.

FACE MASKS

From Monday October 18, students in Grades 3 – 6 are required to wear face masks inside. It is recommended but not mandated, that students in Grades Prep – 2 wear face masks when inside.

If you wish for your child/children not to wear a face mask, please ask your family doctor or a specialist to write a letter of exemption.

HATS

As a Sun Smart School, we ask all students to wear a hat in Term 4. Please ensure your child has a broad brimmed hat to wear when outside.

MINIMUM COMMUNITY CONGESTION AND CROSS-OVER OF AGE GROUPS

Thank you to all of our community in assisting us to keep our children safe, honouring the staggered starts and finishes and the school entry and exit through House Gates.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

The following continues as we live with COVID 19 in Mildura:

- Students asked to use their House Gate to enter and exit the school grounds

Murray Gate – Albert Street

Darling Gate – Crossing Gate

Mungo and Kulkyne Gate – Front Gate

- There is no play in the yard before school
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- Students to go straight to their classroom when they arrive at school
- Students are being dropped at school after 8.45am
- At 3.15pm Grades Prep, One and Two Teachers escort students to their House Gate where Parents pick them up. Students who are in Grades 3 - 6 who have younger siblings leave the school at 3.20pm using their House Gate. Any students who are booked into After School Care go there at 3.30pm.
- The remainder of our students leave the school through their House Gate at 3.30pm

FRONT GATE SUPERVISION

Supervision begins at 8.30am

Students who are arriving at school between 8.30am – 8.45am please use the front gate. All other house gates will be closed until 8.45am.

Mrs Hunt and I will be supervising these students on the front lawn, where they will sit in their year level until the 8.45am bell goes and they will go straight to their classrooms.

Any child arriving at school before 8.30am please book into Before School Care.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

CANTEEN

Canteen orders have begun again. You are welcome to make a lunch order through the app. Please remember to order by 2pm on the day before the lunch order is required.

PREP ENROLMENTS

We continue to take enrolments for 2022 Prep Students

If any of our families have Preps starting next year, please contact the office for an enrolment form. If you know families that live in our neighbourhood and they have a Prep for 2022, please encourage them to make contact with the school.

VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY

Please join us for our School Virtual Assembly each Wednesday at 2.55pm. Our leaders do an outstanding job facilitating the Celebration of Strengths that our students demonstrate. The link can be found each

week on Compass.

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PREP ORIENTATION

Our 2022 Prep students will be visiting us on Thursday November 25, 11.30-1.00pm and Tuesday December 7, 11.30-1.00pm.

SCHOOL CAMPS PROGRAM

Grade 4 students are participating in a camp at Lake Cullulleraine today Monday November 22 and Tuesday November 23.

Grade 5 students will be participating in a camp at Lake Cullulleraine on Wednesday November 24, Thursday November 25 and Friday November 26.

Grade 6 students will be participating in a camp at Halls Gap on Monday November 29, Tuesday November 30 and Wednesday December 1.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for the work that has taken place to organise the School Camps Program. I am so grateful to the staff and delighted for the students that they will be sharing these experiences with their peers.

SUPPORTING BOYS IN UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL **by Maggie Dent**

The upper primary school years are the start of big physical changes and boys can struggle. Even though some of our boys are growing physically, this time can be challenging, unpredictable and full of big emotions and awkwardness.

Some anxiety can also occur as the end of primary school approaches and some boys can fight with their physiology. Parents need to be mindful to recognise that for many pubescent boys, school can feel unpredictable.

The following ideas will help to guide you through this time:

Have realistic expectations

Create a calm, predictable environment to counteract the stress many boys may experience. Parents can do this by avoiding asking too many questions and placing too much pressure especially around homework. Especially avoid criticism, nagging and lecturing — it won't improve anything.

Keep things light

Boys appreciate lightness and humour, especially when they may be struggling with anxiety or worry. Maybe you could find some funny, goofy cat or dog videos to show them or share some funny experiences that might trigger the beautiful happy neurochemicals in their brain. Be a bit ridiculous – intentionally.

Share developmental changes

Have brief conversations with your son about the coming brain changes, especially pruning, which is a 'trimming down' process in the teenage brain where irrelevant/unused mental connections from childhood are lost. These conversations can help him understand why he may be struggling with organisation and be forgetting things that he used to remember. Once he knows there is a reason, he'll tend to manage it better — indeed many boys are relieved! Help your son to work out ways to remember important stuff.

Make home a welcome base for his friends

Ensure that you make your home a welcome base for his friends, regardless of gender. The hunger to 'hang out together' is still strong even for our digital natives, and they will always turn up to a place where they are welcome and where there is a familiar space to gather. It's really good to give your son's mates the message that 'our door is always open for you'. We never know when a family conflict becomes too painful for a boy or that just having some calm down time is what the whole family may need.

Stoke his spark

Help you son identify his passion whether sport, games or music that will keep him engaged in the years ahead. Disengagement is very common among boys in early to middle secondary school and those who have an interest they love and are capable at, tend to struggle less. In primary school boys may sample many activities so that they can discover their real interests.

Help manage anxiety

Many boys experience anxiety as they move toward adolescence and the end of the primary school years. Some boys display anxiety through silliness, inappropriate behaviour, an increase in aggression (often toward siblings), disrespectful language towards parents, changes in eating patterns and struggles with sleep. If you have ongoing concerns check in with your son's teacher and seek help.

Practise kindness

Even though this sounds counterintuitive if you are experiencing some hot moments with your pre-pubescent or pubescent son, kindness especially in small ways, can have enormous power. Many boys struggle with low self-worth and when they muck-up they struggle even more with feeling acceptable and loved.

Above all, reassure your son often that you love him fiercely and unconditionally, no matter what.

Marie-Therese Milani
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be closed for borrowing from 1st December, 2021. Books can still be returned from 8.30am each morning. All books need to be returned ready for our end of year stocktake, so please return them as soon as possible. Any outstanding or lost books will need to be paid for or replaced.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Mildura South families can now start booking in for the January holiday program, please take advantage of this opportunity to book in before the remainder of the district. New preps for 2022 will be eligible to attend the program. Grade 6 students, going into year 7 in 2022 can attend the January holidays only, after that they are no longer eligible to attend as our OSHC program is for primary school aged children only. The Council run a terrific youth program which could be an option for those students.

After School Care will operate from 2.30pm on the last day of term, Friday 17th December. The OSHC program will then be closed over the Christmas/New Year period, opening for the Vacation Care program on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

A reminder all children attending After School Care this term are required to wear a hat for outdoor play. Please pack a spare hat in your child's bag which can be left at the service for safe keeping.



CELEBRATION OF STRENGTHS

PH Vaida Wilson

PK Charlie Edwards

PR Don Henry

1B Airlie Moylan

1P Shantae Stewart

1T Josie Carusella

2H Jaxon Jones

2R Poppy Hoye

2S

3/4B Declan Box

3/4M Cody Wilson

3/4S Brayden Hand

3/4W Lee Mendoza

5/6B Stephanie Keller-Linnett

5/6J Kilala Williams

5/6K Zach Wilson

5/6L Krystal Lane

5/6O Robert Scobie

Art

Jacinta Kennedy 3/4W

Italian

Chase Probert 3/4W

Sport

Samual Telfer 3/4M

Performing Arts

Alirian O'Connor 1P

STEM

Lincoln Dean 3/4M

ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK



word of the Week
Parola della Settimana

Natale
(Christmas)

Come and Try Calisthenics

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Trial

Tinies (ages 5-7)

Monday 29 Nov - 4:00-5:00pm
Wednesday 1 Dec - 4:00-5:00pm

Subbies (ages 8-11)

Tuesday 30 Nov - 4:00-5:00pm
Wednesday 1 Dec - 5:00-6:00pm

Juniors & Inters (ages 11-17)

Monday 29 Nov - 5:00-6:00pm
Tuesday 30 Nov - 5:00-6:00pm

Seniors (18+) & Masters

Thursday 2 Dec - 6:00-7:00pm

***Ages as at 31st December 2022**

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